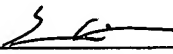


The Official Action rejects claims 1-2, 17-18 and 49-50 as anticipated by JP 2003-287703. The Official Action rejects claims 3-4 and 19-22 as obvious based on of JP 2003-287703.

In order to overcome these rejections, a *Submission of Verified English Translations* was filed November 13, 2007 (received by OIPE November 15, 2007). Specifically, in order to overcome the rejections based on JP 2003-287703 or CN 1448753, verified English translations of priority applications JP 2003-120782 and JP 2003-342803, each filed April 24, 2003, were submitted with the *Submission*. Since JP '703 was published October 10, 2003, and since CN '753 was published October 15, 2003, which is later than the filing date of JP '782 and JP '803, the Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under §§ 102(a) and 103 should be overcome. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(a) and 103 are in order and respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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